



Alaska Geologic Materials Center (GMC)

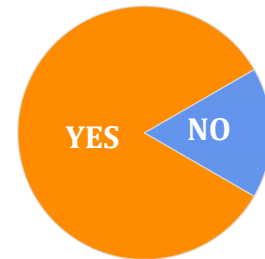
GMC Survey Summary

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys

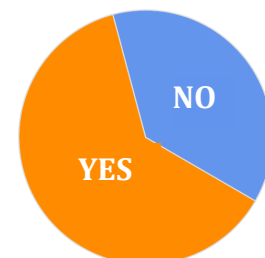
Although satisfaction was higher in the past, many users of the Alaska Geologic Materials Center continue to express concerns over the poor lighting conditions, inadequate work space, poor geologic materials storage conditions, and substandard core washing, cutting, and sampling equipment. As a result, a more thorough, anonymous evaluation was created and distributed to 88 companies, agencies, academic institutions, and individuals. The GMC received 25 responses, 11 of which specifically commented on their satisfaction levels regarding their visits to the GMC. The results indicate that, of the 11 respondents, only 36% were satisfied with the overall usability, convenience, and storage conditions of material at the GMC. Plans for the Division to annually distribute the updated evaluation to its users are underway.

Survey Summary

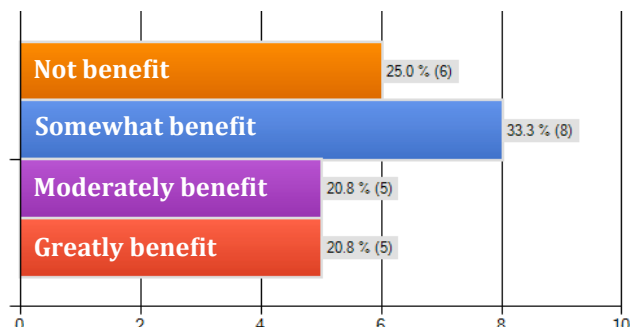
- 1) **83% of respondents have made a positive economic, exploration, or research decision** as a direct result of utilizing the Alaska GMC



- 2) **62% of respondents would visit the Alaska GMC more frequently** if it were **located closer to downtown Anchorage**



- 3) **75% of respondents would benefit** if both the **Alaska GMC** and the **Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC)** were **located inside a single building**



- 4) Nearly **50%** of respondents have **decided NOT to visit** the Alaska GMC because of the facility's **poor, inaccessible materials storage conditions**

Utilizing the GMC: Survey Quotes from Users

"We resampled core from a chromium prospect to assess platinum group elements, which led to a discovery of over 20 grams/ton of platinum and palladium on Alaska state land. The area is now staked and under exploration."

—Curt Freeman, Avalon Development

The Future: Quotes from Users

"While the GMC has always done a remarkable job of making do with minimal resources, it is long since time for this resource-driven state to modernize and invest in a larger, more efficient facility for making the most of this incredibly valuable collection."

—Paul Decker, Resource Evaluation Manager, Alaska Division of Oil and Gas

Summary

The current GMC staff, consisting of a Curator, two full-time staff members, a contract curator, two volunteers, and three student interns, is highly motivated and has been breathing new life into the aging facility. The current Curator's focus has been to preserve and ensure the safety of the material stored at the facility and make the material and its derived data more accessible to the public. Despite recent, major improvements in organizing and providing its inventory data to the public, continuing to simply maintain the current GMC facility would likely physically jeopardize the material the State has worked so hard to acquire and preserve. The GMC is in desperate need of a new physical archive for its geologic materials. In the interim, GMC staff is working hard to provide more useful geologic information to its users and accommodate their current needs.

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